

Please register my opposition to ANY change in the Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

If the rules are changed in the way the large telecom companies want, US consumers will suffer. Already, lack of effective competition in the area has resulted in increased rates for basic cable. Of more concern, however, is the lack of service. When a single company is a monopoly in a given area, there is no pressure to provide anything but a minimal level of service.

Please DO NOT change the current rules, or allow the large corporations to find a "back door" or go around the rules.

Thank you.

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